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FOIA Case: 72528
16 August 2013

Mr. Shawn Musgrave
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DEPT MR 6131, P.O. Box 55819
Boston, MA 02205-5819

Dear Mr. Musgrave:

This is an initial response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted via the Internet on 8 July 2013, which was received by this office on 9 July 2013, for "A copy of the FOIA/PA log for January 2012 to the day this request is processed." Your request has been assigned Case Number 72528. This letter indicates that we have begun to process your request. There is certain information relating to this processing about which the FOIA and applicable Department of Defense (DoD) and NSA/CSS regulations require we inform you.

Your request has been processed under the provisions of the FOIA. For purposes of this request and based on the information you provided, you are considered an "all other" requester. As such, you are allowed 2 hours of search and the duplication of 100 pages at no cost. Since there are no search fees and we expect duplication fees to be minimal, we are not assessing fees; therefore, we have not addressed your request for a fee waiver.

We have completed our search for records responsive to your request. Please be advised that we generate our FOIA logs on a quarterly basis at the end of each calendar quarter. The FOIA log for the first quarter of 2012, covering 1 January 2012 through 31 March 2012 was released on 2 July 2012. A copy of this log (38 pages) is enclosed, along with an explanation of the Disposition Codes.

Personal information regarding individuals has been deleted from the enclosure in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552 (b)(6). This exemption protects from disclosure information that would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. In balancing the public interest for the information you request against the privacy interests involved, we have determined that the privacy interests sufficiently satisfy the requirements for the application of the (b)(6) exemption.

The Initial Denial Authority for NSA information is the Associate Director for Policy and Records, David J. Sherman. Since these deletions may be construed as a partial denial of your request, you are hereby advised of this Agency's appeal procedures. Any person denied access to information may file an appeal to the NSA/CSS Freedom of Information Act Appeal Authority. The appeal must be postmarked no later than 60 calendar days from the date of the initial denial letter. The appeal shall be in writing addressed to the NSA/CSS FOIA Appeal Authority

(DJ4), National Security Agency, 9800 Savage Road STE 6248, Fort George G. Meade, MD 20755-6248. The appeal shall reference the initial denial of access and shall contain, in sufficient detail and particularity, the grounds upon which the requester believes release of the information is required. The NSA/CSS Appeal Authority will endeavor to respond to the appeal within 20 working days after receipt, absent any unusual circumstances.

In most cases, requesters seeking FOIA logs agree to omit Privacy Act or first party requests from the logs (requests from individuals for information on themselves). Please be advised, therefore, that when processing our FOIA logs, we typically remove first party requests as non-responsive. Therefore, those entries, in addition to being exempt from release under (b)(6), are also marked as non-responsive.

The remaining FOIA logs (the remainder of CY2012 and CY2013 through 30 June 2013) are currently in our processing queue for a release review. Your request will be processed concurrent with the other requests for logs. After completion of this review, these logs will be provided to you. We appreciate your patience with our efforts to treat all requesters fairly by responding to each on a "first-in, first-out" basis. At this time, an estimated completion date cannot be provided. We will respond to you again as soon as we are able.

Correspondence related to your request should include the case number assigned to your request, which is included in the first paragraph of this letter. Your letter should be addressed to National Security Agency, FOIA Office (DJ4), 9800 Savage Road STE 6248, Ft. George G. Meade, MD 20755-6248 or may be sent by facsimile to 443-479-3612. If sent by fax, it should be marked for the attention of the FOIA office. The telephone number of the FOIA office is 301-688-6527.

Sincerely,



PAMELA N. PHILLIPS
Chief
FOIA/PA Office

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